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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Fergus County

Located in central Montana, Fergus County is Montana's 15th most populous with 11,893 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Lewistown, the county seat, is the state's 13th largest city with a population of 5,813. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1885 and named for James Fergus, a pioneer, miner, cattleman and territorial legislator. There's been debate on where the city takes its name, but it's generally believed it's named after Camp Lewis, established in 1874 by Major William Lewis of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. It began as a trading post on the Carroll Trail in the 1880s and incorporated in 1899.

Lewistown is renowned for its water. Big Spring Water produces 99 million gallons a day at 99.9 percent purity. Agriculture and mining are also important to this city's economy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Fergus County households in 1998 was \$28,283. The county is 4,350.5 square miles in area; 4,339.3 square miles in land area and 11.2 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Lewistown in January between 1961 and 1990 was 9.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 18.14 inches and the growing season was from May 28 to Sept. 13 (last and first frost).

Fergus County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Fergus County	11,893	12,083	13,076	-1.6%	-7.6%	-9.0%
Denton	301	350	356	-14.0%	-1.7%	-15.4%
Grass Range	149	159	139	-6.3%	14.4%	7.2%
Lewistown	5,813	6,097	7,104	-4.7%	-14.2%	-18.2%
Moore	186	211	229	-11.8%	-7.9%	-18.8%
Winifred	156	150	155	4.0%	-3.2%	0.6%

1998 New Businesses by Industry

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Second Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Fergus County

Year	Civilian Labor Force		Unemployment		Unemployment Rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed	
2000	6,530	6,149	381	5.8%	
1999	6,454	6,113	341	5.3%	
1998	6,404	5,993	411	6.4%	
1997	6,213	5,844	369	5.9%	
1996	6,126	5,780	346	5.6%	
1995	5,887	5,521	366	6.2%	
1994	5,966	5,684	282	4.7%	
1993	5,752	5,427	325	5.7%	
1992	5,871	5,490	381	6.5%	
1991	5,830	5,391	439	7.5%	
1990	5,844	5,530	314	5.4%	
1989	6,071	5,667	404	6.7%	
1988	5,965	5,556	409	6.9%	
1987	5,979	5,475	504	8.4%	
1986	5,970	5,431	539	9.0%	
1985	5,927	5,447	480	8.1%	
1984	5,869	5,456	413	7.0%	
1983	6,018	5,576	442	7.3%	
1982	6,250	5,762	488	7.8%	
1981	6,264	5,936	328	5.2%	
1980	6,038	5,747	291	4.8%	
1979	6,092	5,883	209	3.4%	
1978	6,043	5,746	297	4.9%	
1977	5,573	5,274	299	5.4%	
1976	5,399	5,136	263	4.9%	
1975	5,181	4,912	269	5.2%	
1974	5,457	5,189	268	4.9%	
1973	5,052	4,826	226	4.5%	
1972	4,785	4,574	211	4.4%	
1971	4,863	4,673	190	3.9%	
1970	4,867	4,687	180	3.7%	

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	5,462	3,110	2,352
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	977	468	509
Professional Specialty Occupations	365	216	149
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	612	252	360
<i>Sales Occupations</i>			
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,129	389	740
<i>Service Occupations</i>			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	83	40	43
Sales Occupations	570	310	260
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	476	39	437
<i>Private Household Occupations</i>			
Protective Service Occupations	1,078	317	761
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	26	0	26
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>			
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	43	40	3
<i>Mechanics and Repairers</i>			
Construction Trade	1,009	277	732
Extractive Occupations	238	238	0
Precision Production Occupations	227	224	3
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>			
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	38	38	0
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	86	69	17
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	783	597	186
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>			
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	197	141	56
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	317	291	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	269	165	104
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>			
Mechanics and Repairers	16	8	8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity Files, (CD-ROM)

Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5436

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Lewistown Job Service Workforce Center
300 1st Ave. N., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8701,
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/lewestown/>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>. Cities and towns of Buffalo, Coffee Creek, Denton, Forestgrov, Gameill, Grass Range, Hilger, Lewistown, Moore, Roy and Winifred Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Lewistown—Highway Department, West of Lewistown, 406-538-8725

⇒ Newspaper:

Lewistown News-Argus, P. O. Box 900, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3401,
<http://www.lewestownnews.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Denton Public Library, 515 Broadway, Denton, MT 59430-0986, 406-567-2571

Lewistown Public Library, 701 W. Main St., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5212

Moore Memorial Library, 403 Fergus Ave., Moore, MT 59464-0125

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Ayers Elementary, Box 100 Highway 87 W #106, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2368

Deerfield Elementary, Route 3 Box 3139, Lewistown, MT 59457-9513, 406-538-5926

Denton Public Schools, P. O. Box 1048, Denton, MT 59430, 406-567-2370

Grass Range Public Schools, P. O. Box 58, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2122

King Colony Elementary, Route 2 Box 2288, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7613

Lewistown Public Schools, 215 Seventh Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-374-2231

Moore Public Schools, 509 Highland, Moore, MT 59464, 406-374-2231

Roy K-12 Schools, Box 9, Roy, MT 59471, 406-464-2511

Spring Creek Colony Elementary, P. O. Box 1185, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7980

Winifred K-12 Schools, Box 109, Winifred, MT 59489, 406-462-5349

Fergus County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2000

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
			Hourly Wage
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	477	4,048	\$8,640,637
PRIVATE BUSINESS	433	2,885	\$57,804,209
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	11	37	\$704,053
Agriculture Services	7	13	\$264,362
MINING	4	7	\$423,957
CONSTRUCTION	54	273	\$8,260,971
General Building	19	32	\$524,130
Heavy Construction	4	114	\$4,412,541
Special Trade	31	127	\$3,324,300
MANUFACTURING	27	304	\$7,823,202
Food Products	6	38	\$777,681
Lumber	7	44	\$536,216
Stone-Clay-Glass	3	22	\$467,145
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	23	123	\$3,941,662
Trucking-Warehousing	8	8	\$147,540
Air Transportation	4	19	\$743,144
Communication	5	19	\$345,585
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	65	\$2,621,030
WHOLESALE TRADE	29	237	\$4,904,737
Durable Goods	10	88	\$2,087,932
Nondurable Goods	18	148	\$2,816,805
RETAIL TRADE	102	778	\$10,209,363
Bldg Materials-Garden	8	47	\$828,525
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	17	113	\$2,082,882
Apparel & Accessories	8	50	\$659,980
Furniture Stores	4	26	\$343,942
Eating & Drinking	32	299	\$2,300,103
Miscellaneous Retail	22	98	\$1,893,582
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	27	134	\$3,453,087
Banking	5	69	\$1,883,238
Insurance Carriers	5	13	\$484,716
Insurance Agents	4	13	\$258,817
Real Estate	9	28	\$307,309
SERVICES	147	1,084	\$17,984,588
Hotels & Lodging	8	119	\$1,215,964
Personal Services	9	28	\$315,085
Business Services	13	38	\$545,159
Auto Repair Services	12	34	\$507,762
Miscellaneous Repair Services	4	9	\$100,269
Amusement & Recreation	7	65	\$608,276
Health Services	30	493	\$10,779,354
Legal Services	11	13	\$191,525
Social Services	15	148	\$1,630,107
Membership Organizations	13	72	\$631,447
Engineering Services	10	32	\$1,133,722
Private Households	9	12	\$224,035
NONCLASSIFIABLE	6	3	\$98,609
GOVERNMENT	44	1,063	\$25,836,429
State	12	294	\$6,919,598
Local	19	604	\$12,581,084
Federal	13	164	\$6,335,746

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.

(Totals may not add due to non-disclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$28,542	\$27,322	\$25,874	\$24,651	\$23,562	\$22,581	\$21,718	\$21,082	\$20,089	\$19,584	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$21,997	\$21,307	\$20,173	\$19,383	\$18,764	\$18,129	\$18,072	\$17,114	\$18,509	\$15,524	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Fergus County	\$20,232	\$19,595	\$18,791	\$17,260	\$16,894	\$16,135	\$16,813	\$15,800	\$15,806	\$15,295	\$8,855	\$3,743
% of National Average	71%	72%	73%	70%	71%	71%	78%	75%	79%	78%	87%	91%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2001

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	5-11	1,051	528	5	4	17	8	7	3	2	2	21	7	17	9	
12-14	532	269	2	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	14	7	10	5		
15-17	629	320	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	2	9	4	6	4		
18-21	431	187	0	0	8	4	0	0	1	0	6	5	6	3		
<i>Total</i>	2,643	1,304	7	6	32	14	7	3	9	5	50	23	39	21		

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	16+	9,173	4,735	1	0	107	53	14	12	30	18	84	43	59	32	
16-64	6,857	3,373	1	0	78	36	14	12	26	15	69	34	56	30		
18+	8,746	4,517	1	0	107	53	14	12	26	16	80	42	55	30		
18-64	6,430	3,155	1	0	78	36	14	12	22	13	65	33	52	28		

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
	0-4	590	292	2	2	9	6	2	1	0	0	14	6	8	5	
5-17	2,212	1,117	7	6	24	10	7	3	8	5	44	18	33	18		
18-44	3,422	1,674	1	0	49	22	9	8	17	12	39	22	37	23		
45-64	3,008	1,481	0	0	29	14	5	4	5	1	26	11	15	5		
65+	2,316	1,362	0	0	29	17	0	0	4	3	15	9	3	2		
<i>Total</i>	11,548	5,926	10	8	140	69	23	16	34	21	138	66	96	53		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Fergus County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Fergus County	County of Work	# Who Live in Fergus County
Out of State	30	Out of State	35
Cascade County	18	Cascade County	13
Fergus County	4,889	Fergus County	4,889
Judith Basin County	74	Judith Basin County	21
Madison County	7	Petroleum County	21
Missoula County	8	Phillips	32
Musselshell County	15	Richland	16
Petroleum County	8	Teton County	11
Teton County	7	Wheatland County	21
Other Montana Counties	27	Other Montana Counties	48

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics